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**Minutes of the meeting held in the chamber of Chief Secretary
on 14/3/2005 at 4.30 PM to discuss various issues relating to
Jarawas**

- I. List of the officers who attended the meeting is annexed.
- II. Various issues connected with the welfare of Jarawas were discussed in detail and the following suggestions were made:-

1. Demarcation of Jarawa territory taking into account the recent increase in the Jarawa area should be taken up jointly by the Forest and Revenue Authorities as early as possible.

Action: DC(A)

2. Removal of encroachments from the tribal reserve shall be initiated keeping in view the order of the Supreme Court in the matter. Instead of taking up the eviction en masse, specific cases with limited fall-out may be taken up at the outset. To begin with a limited number of cases be tackled at a time.

Action: PCCF / DC(A) / Dir(TW)

3. The size of AAJVS field staff is found to be inadequate and is required to be expanded to enhance the protective measures for the Jarawas.

Action: E.S, AAJVS.

4. Sensitization of the functionaries who are likely to come in contact with the Jarawas in the course of their duties and the villagers of surrounding areas will be launched with the assistance from ASI, Port Blair.

Action: E.S, AAJVS / Head of office, ASI, Port Blair

5. Two suitable vehicles (pickup van with the cargo space) may be procured by AAJVS for deployment in the protection / welfare of Jarawas. All vehicles being used for such measures be preferably given a specific colour pattern for easy identification.

Action: E.S, AAJVS

6. The suggestion of erecting small eco-friendly check dams along the course of streams in the Jarawa area to ensure availability of drinking water even in dry season will be put up for discussion in the forthcoming Executive Council meeting of AAJVS scheduled on 22/3/05

Action: E.S, AAJVS.

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